

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 were pending.

Claims 1-27 were restricted to one of the following three inventions under 35

USC §121:

Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to a pressure sensor;

Group II: Claims 9-17, drawn to method of producing a ferromagnetic semiconductor; and

Group III: Claims 18-27, drawn to a ferromagnetic semiconductor.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims from Group III, specifically claims 18-27, drawn to a ferromagnetic semiconductor. Claims 1-17 are hereby canceled.

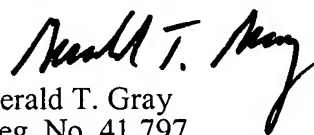
Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications in the future to prosecute claims in Groups I and II.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,


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